mand, alleging the matters listed in the Question. Director Defence Estates, Central Command has been directed to look into the complaint and furnish a report.

Incidents of unprovoked firing by Pak Troops across line of actual control

704. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of incidents of unprovoked firing by Pakistani troops across the line of actual control during each month from September to November, 1991;

(b) the number of persons including women, children and other civilians killed/injured in these incidents; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) Exchange of fire between the Pakistani and the Indian troops across the Line of Control is virtually endemic in nature. There were 237 such incidents in September, 200 in October, and 98 upto the 20th November, 1991. The number of civilian casualities in these incidents have been as follows:

Month	Killed	Wounded
September, 1991	5	19
October, 1991	—	2
November, 1991 (Upto 20th)	—	—

(c) In order to de-escalate the situation, an understanding was reached between the Directors General of Military Operations of the two countries not to use heavy calibre weapons from the 16th October 1991. Except for a serious incident of firing by Pakistani troops using heavy calibre weapons which took place in the Kargil Sector on the 24-25th October, 1991, there appears a general decline in the incidents/volume of fire exchanged between the two sides since then.

HAL's egotiations with Boeing Group for manufacture of supersonic Transport Aircraft

705. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited has been negotiating with the Boeing Group for the manufacture of supersonic transport aircraft;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(c) the salient features of the proposed aircraft?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) No Sir,

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Attack by Pakistani Forces in Kargil Sector of P&K

706. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:
CHOWDHARY HARI SINGH:
SHR KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a major attack was made by Pakistan military forces on Indian military base in the Kargil sector in Kashmir on the 26th October, 1991;

(b) what kind of weapons were used by Pakistani forces in the above attack;

(c) what is the number of casulaties on both the Indian and Pakistan side;

(d) whether the above attack by Pakistan was a violation of recent Islamabad accord; and

(e) the measures taken by Government to strengthen Indo-Pak border areas?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (c) There was no incident on the 26th Oct. 91. However, there was a serious incident

of firing by Pakistani troops on the Indian posts in the Kargil Sector on the 24th-25th Oct. 1991; in which, besides small arms, artillery, mortars and rockets were also used. The Indian troops retaliated appropriately. In the exchange of fire, one Jawan of the Army and one ASI of the BSF were wounded. Six Pak soldiers are believed to have killed and 4 wounded.

(d) The above incident was a serious violation of the understanding reached between the Directors-General of Military Operations of the two countries in October 1991 against the use of heavy calibre weapons.

(e) The Government constantly monitor all developments in the border areas which have a bearing on national security and take appropriate measures to ensure full defence preparedness at all times.

Development of a Technique for Treatment of Paralysis by Institute of Aerospace Medicine, Bangalore

707. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a technique known as HYPERBAIC Oxygen (HBO) has been developed for treatment of paralysis in the Institute of Aerospace Medicine (IAM) Bangalore; and

(b) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) Hyperbaric Oxygen (HBO) therapy is being used to treat a variety of illnesses at the Institute of Aerospace Medicine (IAM), Bangalore, and certain other institutions. Its use in the treatment of cases of paralysis is still in the experimental stages at the IAM, Bangalore.

Consumption of liquor by Defence personnel

708. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that liquor (wine) is commonly and officially consumed by the defence personnel of Army, Navy and Air Force in the country;

(b) if so, what is the average annual consumption of liquor in the Army, Navy and Air Force;

(c) what are the details of expenditure incurrend by Army, Navy and Air Force on liquor during the last three years; and

(d) what action Government propose to take to minimise the liquor consumption by the defence forces?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (d) since 1985 there is no free or subsidised issue of liquor to personnel of the Army, the Navy and the Air Force. Serving Defence personnel as well as ex-Servicement purchase liquor from Unit Run Canteens of the Armed Forces as per their individual purchasing power, limited to their entitlements.

Government do not have figures of the annual consumption of liquor by the Defence Services personnel. The value of Indian Made Foreign Liquor (IMFL), including wines and rums, sold by the Canteen Stores Department to Unit Run Canteens during the last two years is given below:

(Rs. in Crores)

Year	Approximate value of sale
1989-90	99·13
1990-91	99·36

NOTE: This value of liquor sold has been worked out at procurement rates excluding Excise Duty, which varies from State to State. The sales include the sales to the serving Defence Forces personnel, ex-Servicemen and eligible Para Military Forces.